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FROM: Sam Unger
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DATE: September 29, 2005

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INFORMATION ITEM FOR UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER
CHLORIDE TMDL IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) notices an Information Item on the status of the Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL Implementation Plan at its Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2005, 9:00 A.M., at the City of Simi Valley City Hall. No formal regulatory action on this Information Item will be taken at the meeting on November 3, 2005.

The Regional Board meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, November 3, 2005
9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers
2929 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley, California

During the Information Item, the public will have opportunity to comment on the status of the Chloride TMDL Implementation Plan. Oral presentations should be summarized in writing to the extent possible. Time limitations on presentations may be imposed. Written comments should be submitted to:

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Background on the Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL Implementation Plan

Excessive chloride loadings to the upper reaches of the Santa Clara River cause exceedances of the water quality objective for chloride. A TMDL for Chloride in the Upper Santa Clara River was approved by the EPA and became effective on May 4, 2005. The TMDL requires that

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special studies be conducted in order to investigate the appropriate chloride threshold to protect beneficial uses, including agricultural supply and endangered species habitat. The results of these special studies may be used by the Board to revise the water quality objectives and waste load allocations, if necessary.

In June of 2004, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County entered into a collaborative process to review scientific and technical data that is relevant to establishing the chloride water quality objective and waste load allocations. The collaborative process has included stakeholders who have participated and contributed to the studies. A Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) was formed to oversee this process. The TAP recently completed a Draft Report on Literature Review and Evaluation Methodology (LRE). The purpose of November 3, 2005 Information Item is to present the results of the LRE and to provide direction from the Board to Regional Board staff as to the impact of the LRE on the Chloride TMDL Implementation Plan.

